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CONFEDERATE GROUPS TO RALLY ON CAMPUS

After days of heightened tension surrounding the upcoming Confederate protests, the organizations will march on Saturday. Follow the DM's continued coverage throughout the weekend at [thedmonline.com](#).

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Students leave Oxford to avoid Confederate protests

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Today, Marcus Williams and one of his friends will get in his Honda and drive five hours to his home in Pascagoula. It's something his parents insisted on. He won't be back until Monday, when campus is expected to be a little calmer. As Confederate groups storm campus this weekend, Williams will be at home, 331 miles away. Williams's parents heard about the protests through social media before he did,

and he said they emphasized his returning home was "not up for discussion." "No questions asked," he said. "I need to go home. I don't feel safe here." Though the freshman computer engineering major and his family had heard negative things about the University of Mississippi before he enrolled, Williams decided to come anyway. When Williams first heard about this weekend's protests, he wasn't surprised, but he was scared. Of Williams's friend group, all of them are going back home except one from North Carolina, but he

will be travelling south with Williams. In an email sent out to university students on Monday, University Police Department Chief Ray Hawkins encouraged everyone to stay away from campus this weekend. "The best thing you can do to help keep our campus safe is to stay away from this area of campus on Saturday, Feb. 23," he said, referring to Grove Loop and University Avenue. Williams believes that if the university had taken extra precautions, the weekend would go more smoothly,

especially for students. The Black Student Union sent out a draft email to members on Thursday night to provide to professors if they feel uncomfortable going to class today. BSU president Jarvis Benson encouraged members to reach out to him if they need anything over the weekend. Benson said the organization chose to send the email after Confederate 901 member Billy Sessions went "live" in a video through Facebook on Thursday night. On Thursday night, UPD addressed "social media activity that has

heightened anxiety related to the march scheduled for Friday afternoon at 3 p.m.," referring to Students Against Social Injustice's "Students Over Statues" protest. "Related security measures have been taken, and safety remains our first priority," the statement read. Though sociology professor James Thomas said he hadn't received any emails from students asking to leave town, he said he would have excused them. "We've already received

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PHOTO: CHRISTIAN JOHNSON

Jarrius Adams, president of the UM Gospel Choir, leads the Black History Month March before giving a speech in front of the Confederate monument in the Circle yesterday. Adams's call for the removal of the statue comes just two days before a march led by pro-Confederate groups.

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"Black Lives Matter." "Take it Down." "A Change Gonna Come." These phrases, plastered on signs, and other written calls to action were the only words present among the crowd during a silent Black History Month March yesterday, the first public demonstration ahead of this weekend's on-campus rally by two pro-Confederate groups. Demonstrators met in the entrance

of Lamar Hall, marched through the rain to the edge of the Circle and then gathered around the Confederate statue at the heart of the Ole Miss campus. The crowd of protesters, observers and university police had grown to more than 100 people by the time the protest reached the Circle. The march comes just two days before pro-Confederate groups intend to rally on campus to protest the university's removal of the state flag, which contains the Confederate battle emblem, and efforts to contextualize Confederate symbols.

Jarrius Adams, president of the University of Mississippi Gospel Choir, spoke to the large crowd near the statue and criticized the university's decision to allow the statue to remain in the center of campus. He said the march had been planned since last semester, but it had taken on an entirely different meaning ahead of the neo-Confederate rallies. "If symbols such as this statue don't represent hate, racism and white

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Why do we cling to the Confederacy?



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Much of the debate about Confederate monuments on campus has centered on whether these monuments are symbols of racial hatred or regional heritage, framing the anguish of the black community against the erasure of Southern culture. Many people have painstakingly explained why these monuments are racist and why the celebration of Southern pride does not outweigh this racism.

Many would say that the Confederacy clings to us, but few would say that we

cling to the Confederacy. Truthfully, we invest in the Confederacy everyday. We walk past monuments to its soldiers. We teach and learn in buildings named for Lamar and Longstreet and George. These structures might seem like relics of the past, residue of a bygone time, but we let them shape the space around us everyday. To acknowledge our troubled past exclusively is to ignore our troubled present. No matter who we are, we pour our time and money and love into a space that tolerates the intolerable and defends the indefensible, and soon, we find ourselves doing the same. We let the Confederacy become a part of us, and we let ourselves become a part of it. The Confederacy clings to us, but only because we cling to it.

The statue on campus takes up far more space than its footprint on the Circle. It pervades the atmosphere; it dominates our reputation; it seeps into our character. When we defend the Confederacy

under the guise of preserving Southern history and culture, we rob ourselves of the very same. When we keep the Confederacy on a pedestal, we keep Fannie Lou Hamer and Ida B. Wells off that pedestal. When we cling to the Confederacy, it costs us all the best parts of our story.

The notion that the symbols of the cause to keep black people in bondage can be race-neutral is bewildering, and the fact that a public university would maintain a monument to an armed insurrection against the United States is astounding. But the most insidious harm in this case is the belittling lie that the best of Mississippi is contained in the long-dead casualties of a long-lost war.

The neo-Confederate protesters who will be here on Saturday are obvious perpetrators of that lie, but they are not the only ones. We tell ourselves that lie when we invest in the Confederacy. We tell ourselves that lie when we turn our backs to a more full

history of our state. So long as we keep telling ourselves that lie, that lie will persist. The hard truth is that the monuments of the Confederacy cannot be torn down; they must be torn away.

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CORRECTION

A front-page article on Thursday about the university's policies on weapons referred incorrectly to the policy that existed before Feb 15. Weapons were in fact allowed on campus in public or nonsensitive areas with an Enhanced Carry Permit; it is not the case that "no weapons of any type were allowed on campus." The new policy does not allow for anyone to bring a weapon to campus who would not have already had that right under the old policy.

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supremacy, why do they attract these types of people?” Adams asked. “Why are these types of people going out of their way to disrupt the traffic flow and events on our campus?”

Adams said the statue is one of the many reasons minority students avoid the Ole Miss campus.

“I sometimes pass by this statue without giving it a second thought ... but then there are times when I’m reminded of the truth, when I think about all the people who

choose not to visit our campus because of our exclusionary symbols,” Adams said.

During Adams’s speech, at least ten officers from the University Police Department stood near the outskirts of the crowd. An officer told a reporter from The Daily Mississippian that the group of student protesters had reached out to UPD requesting its presence.

“I was briefed on (this protest) about a week and a half ago,” the officer said.

Jarvis Benson, the president of the Black Student Union thanked the organizers for coming to the march despite the bad weather.

“You didn’t have to weather the storm. But we’re doing it. We have to do it. We’re going to keep doing it as long as this lightning rod is here,” Benson said about the statue.

Jailien Grant, the president of the University of Mississippi chapter of the NAACP also spoke at the event and said there is no purpose in the university having a creed or a mission statement if administrators don’t hold people, including the pro-Confederate protesters who plan to march on Saturday, accountable to them.

“It makes me angry as a student that this statue is one of the first things (people)

see when they enter this university,” she said.

John Ramming Chappell, the president of College Democrats, said he participated in the march because it’s important to celebrate people like Fannie Lou Hamer, Medgar Evers and Ida B. Wells who have strived for equality in the state.

“I think this (march) sends a clear message to the world about who we are as a campus, and it’s our job as students to redefine the narrative,” he said. “It’s our job as students to say, ‘No, this is not who we are.’ We are not the Confederate statue.”

The university has a long

history of trouble with Confederate symbols on its campus. Five years ago this week, on Feb. 16, 2014, a group of Ole Miss students tarnished the statue of James Meredith, the university’s first black student, with a noose and an old Georgia state flag, which displayed the Confederate battle emblem.

In the five years since that February morning, the university lowered the state flag, which also bears the Confederate battle emblem, removed Colonel Reb as its official mascot and banned “From Dixie with Love” from being played at sporting events.



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word that this campus is not safe to be on this weekend, so I think if students are able to go home they should and should not be punished for doing so,” Thomas said.

Williams thinks the university should have canceled classes on Friday to make it easier for students who feel unsafe to go home. One of his teachers, Le’Trice Danyell Donaldson, canceled Williams’s African American studies class on Friday. She said, “I know some of your families want you to go home,” and assigned the class a one-page paper to complete over the weekend.

Freshman psychology major Alyssa Whitehead won’t be making the entire drive to her hometown of Petal, but she does plan on getting out of Oxford today until Sunday.

When she first heard of the protest via Facebook, Whitehead thought it was “one of those fake things that gets circulated,” until she realized it was actually happening.

“I got a very vague message (from the university), and it didn’t really detail what was happening,” she said. “We get similar emails every day, so we wouldn’t know it was an emergency and something we need to be con-

cerned about. I was very shaken up.”

Whitehead decided eventually to go to her boyfriend’s hometown of Flowood for the weekend.

“My goal was just to get away,” she said. “Hearing about it and knowing this group has a history. ... No matter what precautions are taken, something can happen.”

Whitehead described her parents as



PHOTO: DEVNA BOSE

Freshman Marcus Williams’s parents didn’t give him a choice in the matter about coming home, but he agreed that he needed to leave Oxford for the weekend because of the protests. “No questions asked,” he said.

“very conservative people and pro-gun,” but the idea of the protest still scared them because “they know how people can get.”

“They wanted me to get off campus and stay in my dorm and not be out at

all,” she said. “I had to tell them that I have to go near the Circle and the Grove. It’s something that I can’t avoid without missing class.”

None of Whitehead’s professors have canceled classes on Friday.

Though she realizes she will probably have to walk near the protests on Friday, Whitehead has her friends of color in mind.



PHOTO: DEVNA BOSE

Freshman Alyssa Whitehead is leaving Oxford on Friday because of the protests happening this weekend. Though she agrees with the right to bear arms, she doesn’t think anyone should be allowed to have a weapon on campus.

“I’m not going to be targeted. I have friends who are people of color, and I know that if they have to go near this, they’re in so much more danger than I am,” she said. “It’s caused me to think more deeply about their safety.

Especially this month, it has been consuming a lot of my attention, and rightfully so.”

She knew the history of Oxford and Ole Miss before attending and expected a similar situation to occur during her time here, but she didn’t expect a “full protest.” Regardless, the content of the protest didn’t surprise her “at all.” Whitehead sees the Confederate statue often, and she’s found herself considering the university and its history more deeply over the course of the past few months.

“Even though it’s ‘just a statue,’ the history and obvious connotations surrounding it shouldn’t be a part of this campus,” she said. “The statue itself does not represent what the university has been growing toward in the slightest.”

Similarly, when Williams goes to class and passes the Confederate monument in the Circle, he is reminded of what he fears — that he doesn’t belong here.

“(The statue) just reminds me of how I’m not welcome on campus.

The other day, I was really deciding whether I should continue to go to Ole Miss. I feel like they don’t want black people here. We call this our home, but is it really our home?” he said. “I don’t know if I’ll come back next semester.”

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REVIEW

Avril struggles to catch her breath on ‘Head Above Water’

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After what seems like centuries, Avril Lavigne is back on the music scene with her new album “Head Above Water.” Gone is the pop-punk queen we grew up with in the early 2000s, and what’s emerged is a grown woman looking to move on.

“Head Above Water” is a testament to Lavigne’s resilience since her divorce. The 34-year-old and her second husband, Nickelback’s Chad Kroeger, split in 2015 followed by a bout with Lyme disease that left her bedridden for weeks the same year.

The duality of this album, which is her first release since 2013, is interesting. The first half has power ballads that feature Lavigne’s quintessential belting abilities, while the second half shifts to upbeat tunes, including an unexpected Nicki Minaj collaboration and strong guitar melodies.

The only reminiscent track to the old Avril is “Dumb Blonde,” which seems like a middle finger to her doubters: “Well, there you go again telling me where I belong / You put me on the bench, don’t think that I can play strong / So quick to condescend well,

you think I’m empty, I’m not / You won’t be so confident when I’m crushing you from the top.”

The drumline beat that kicks off the song and girl power message mirrors Gwen Stefani’s 2004 “Hollaback Girl,” though it doesn’t have that catchy chorus that could take over the radio. Minaj’s contribution to “Dumb Blonde” is refreshing, but in the grand scheme of the album, it’s displaced.

Though there are a couple of good tracks you could pick out (“Souvenir” has a more modern sound, and the slow-rolling beat in “I Fell in Love with the Devil” makes it the grooviest song on the album), overall, the album is forgettable.

“Head Above Water” disappoints when looked at as Lavigne’s grand return to the charts. After six years of waiting, our expectations have risen, and part of me doesn’t think Lavigne could ever keep up.

That’s not to say “Head Above Water” isn’t a good album. Lavigne proves she still has the chops to pull off the vocals that’s she’s had since “Complicated” and “Sk8r Boi” back in 2002. It’s just that we were all hoping for a bigger wow, and we didn’t get it.

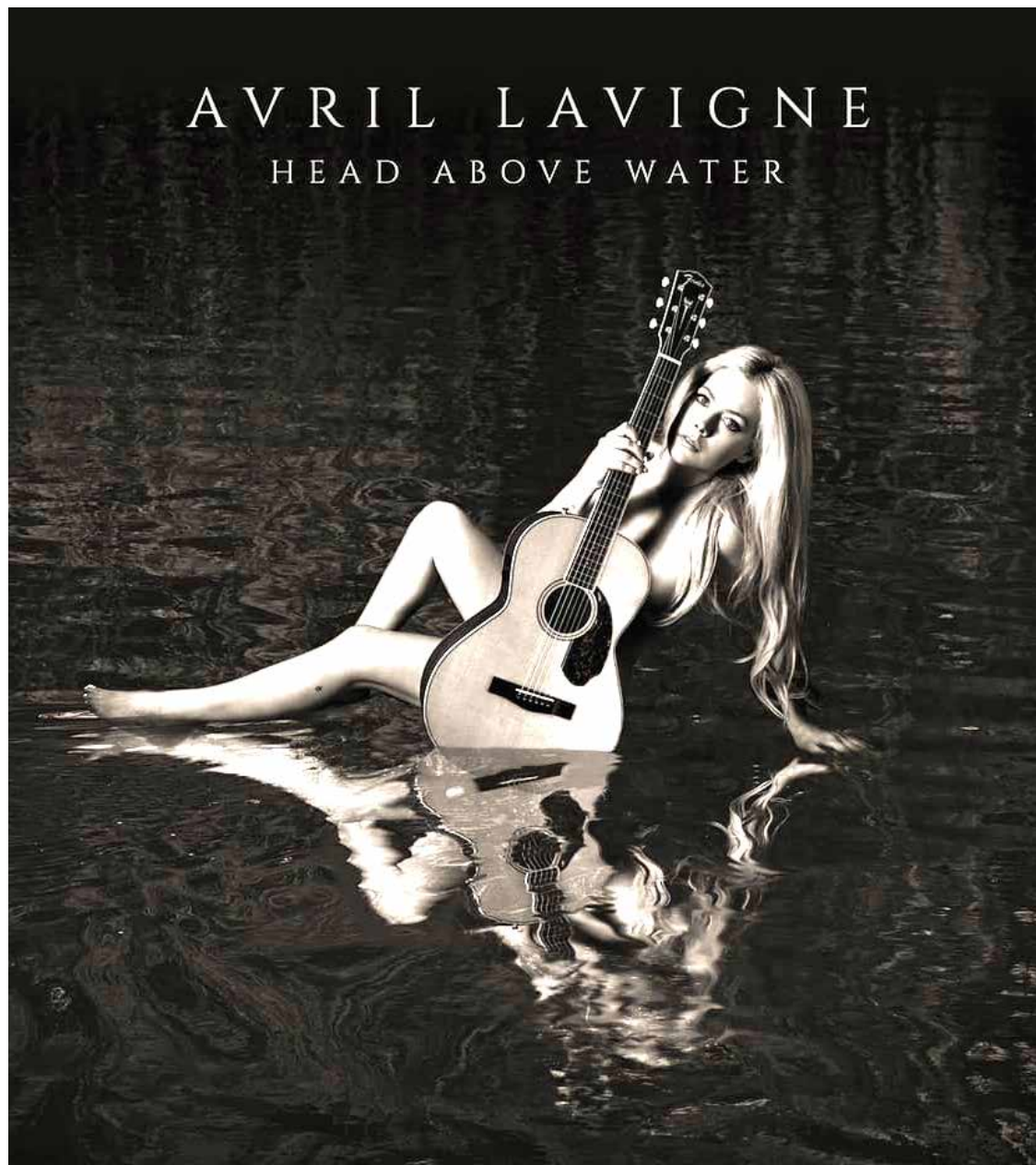


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SOFTBALL

Rebels head West for tough test at Texas Invitational

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After playing in the Friends of Jaclyn Tournament and the Stacy Winsberg Memorial Tournament, Ole Miss softball will compete in the Texas Invitational this weekend in Austin. The Rebels, currently 6-3, will face Sam Houston State, Tulsa and No. 10 Texas. Last year, the Rebels clinched an 8-2 victory over the Longhorns, and the last time the Rebels faced the Tulsa Golden Hurricane in 2016, they were victorious 5-1. The Rebels have their work cut out for them this weekend as they are set to face skilled players from all three teams. During Tulsa's matchups at the Jaguar Challenge, freshman Chenise Delce tossed 14 total strikeouts, and sophomore Samantha Pochop recorded 15. Additionally, senior Julia



Ole Miss softball players cheer on their teammates from the dugout during the Rebels' win over Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in the fall ball game in 2017.

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with six doubles. On the mound, Brittany Finney, a senior from Wichita, Kansas, and Molly Jacobsen, a junior from Adel, Iowa, have proved themselves to be strong contenders for the starting position this weekend. During the opening game of the season for the Rebels, Finney threw the second complete game shutout of her career against UCF. In the matchup against UC Riverside, she struck out four in a five-inning complete game, and she closed the game against Boise State with two scoreless innings. So far this season, Jacobsen, the Des Moines Area Community College transfer, surrendered just one run during her debut as a Rebel and racked up eight strikeouts. She also threw three perfect frames against Cal Poly and her first career complete game shutout with just five hits allowed and seven strikeouts against Oregon State. Other standout pitchers to note are Ava Tillman, a sophomore from Cedartown, Georgia, and Anna Borgen, a sophomore from Heath, Texas. The Texas Invitational, hosted at Red and Charline McCombs Field, will be streamed on the Longhorn Network.

Hollingsworth hit .550 during the Jaguar Challenge and set the Tulsa program's career triples record. All three of these players have earned a spot on the American Athletic Conference Weekly Honor Roll this season. Tulsa is currently on a seven-game win streak and is 7-3 for the season. The Longhorns also pose a challenge for the Rebels and sit at 7-1. Last weekend they narrowly defeated No. 21 Kentucky with the help of junior Miranda Elish, who pitched six innings and only allowed one earned run and two walks while striking out 10 batters. The Sam Houston State Bearkats are currently 5-6 on the season. They recently advanced to the title game of the Getterman Classic in Waco, Texas, after defeating Southern Miss. Freshman Kyndal Kutac hit her third home run of the season

against the Golden Eagles. The Rebels' bats are on a hot streak with Kylan Becker, a senior from Miami, Florida, and Abbey Latham, a sophomore from Livingston, Alabama, each on a seven-game hit streak and Jessica Puk, a sophomore from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has reached base for six games straight. Last year, Becker became the first player in Ole Miss history to be selected to the United States National Team and was tabbed to the USA Softball Top 50 Player of the Year Watch List. Becker led the Rebels with a .329 batting average and a .407 on-base percentage recording 29 runs, six doubles, 12 RBIs, and 17 stolen bases out of 21 attempts in 2018. Latham also led the team last year with a .652 slugging percentage, 252 points higher than the next closest Rebel. She hit seven home runs and ranked second on the team

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Ole Miss pushes for postseason seeding against Georgia

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Ole Miss men's basketball is looking to bounce back this Saturday against Georgia after suffering a tough loss on the road to South Carolina on Tuesday. The loss broke a four-game win streak, and now the Rebels are looking to get back in the win column.

Georgia is also coming into the matchup with an unusual loss to Mississippi State in its last game at home.

Mississippi State's Quindary Weatherspoon went to the line with 0.5 seconds left with a chance to put Georgia away in that matchup. He missed the first of a one-and-one, keeping the game tied.

Suddenly, a fan threw a stuffed bulldog onto the court. That error in judgement by the fan resulted in a technical foul and brought Mississippi State back to the line to shoot free throws and win the game.

This will be the second meeting between Ole Miss and Georgia this season. The Rebels won the last match-up in Athens 80-64. In that first game, the Rebels leaned heavily on Breein Tyree who tied his career high for 31 points. Tyree is averaging 18.4 points per game, third in the SEC. Terence Davis is not far behind him at sixth in the SEC with 15.7 points per game.

Rebounding will be a key factor in this game. While the Rebels have struggled with rebounds on both sides of the ball all season, the Bulldogs lead the SEC in defensive rebounds, averaging 39.6 per game.

The last time these teams met, Ole Miss held Georgia to 23 defensive rebounds. Bruce Stevens was a big part of that, recording 9 boards, a team high. Stevens also played a major role in the Rebels' win over Missouri last Saturday, coming off the bench to led the team with 17 points.

Georgia has struggled mildly this year. After the heartbreaking home loss on Wednesday night, the Bulldogs currently sit at 10-16 with a dismal 1-12 record in conference play. They are also 0-7 on the road in SEC games.

Nicolas Claxton is the

biggest threat on the Bulldogs' squad. He leads his team in points, rebounds, assists, blocks and steals.

Even with Claxton as Georgia's star, the Rebels will still have to keep their eyes on Rayshaun Hammonds, the Bulldogs' other leading scorer.

A win against Georgia would help Ole Miss on the path back to the No. 4 spot in the SEC. Finishing fourth would give the Rebels a double bye going into the SEC tournament.

With only five games left in the regular season, including those against Kentucky and Tennessee, this is an important game in the final stretch. Tipoff is set for 2:30 p.m. on Saturday at The Pavilion.



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Blake Hinson shoots a layup over Mississippi State guard Quindary Weatherspoon on Feb. 2. Mississippi State won the game 81-75.

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Ethridge injury forces Bianco to adjust rotation at Tulane



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Will Ethridge pitches against Arkansas-Pine Bluff last season. Ole Miss won the game 10-3.

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Ole Miss baseball sits at a 2-1 record and will travel to New Orleans this weekend to take on the Tulane Green Wave. The Rebels come into the series on an offensive high after racking up 15 runs and 19 hits against Arkansas State on Wednesday, led by Thomas Dillard and Tyler Keenan who each hit a home run and combined for eight RBIs.

The question marks for the Rebels early this season have been with the pitching staff.

Typical Friday starter Will Ethridge suffered a blister on his pitching hand last week and was scratched from this weekend's rotation as a result. Instead, the Rebels will give the ball to Zack Phillips on Friday night. Phillips struggled to find a groove against Wright State last Saturday in the Rebels' lone loss.

Ole Miss head coach Mike Bianco is optimistic about Ethridge's return but doesn't want to bring him back before he's ready.

"(The blister is) worse than we expected, but it's one of those things where you just

don't want to rush him back," Bianco said. "We just don't want to fight it every week."

Phillips will be followed on the mound this weekend by Houston Roth on Saturday and Gunnar Hoglund on Sunday, who both saw their first action of the season on Wednesday. Hoglund started on the hill Wednesday and pitched two innings, giving up four hits and three runs, two of which came in the first inning and put Ole Miss in an early hole.

Despite the shaky start, Bianco still penciled Hoglund in for the Sunday starting role for this weekend's trip to New Orleans.

"It's tough," Bianco said. "It's hard to put into words, the first time you run out there and pitch. It's different in our sport than other sports because you can't hide. The pitcher's got to do it himself. It's tough with all the expectations and what not, but (Hoglund is) so good. He hung in there, and, of course, a lot of credit has got to go to the offense."

After Hoglund's outing on Wednesday, he was relieved by Roth who also pitched two innings, giving up only one

hit and one walk and striking out four. Roth saw no action last weekend against Wright State due to a shoulder injury, but after his outing on Wednesday, Bianco says he'll be ready to go this weekend.

"I spoke to (Roth) briefly when he came out and told me he felt good," Bianco said. "I think with the injury he may be a little stiff tomorrow, but that's to be expected, but nothing that will keep him from throwing this weekend."

Tulane, who sits at 5-0, will welcome the Rebels after some late-game heroics lifted them over George Washington on Friday and Saturday last week. In the season opener, the Green Wave knocked off the Colonels in the bottom of the ninth, and on Saturday, needed 13 innings to pull off the win.

During the early portion of the season, Tulane has been led offensively by Kody Hoeser who is batting .520, has four home runs and nine RBIs.

The Rebels will open the series against the Green Wave at 6:30 p.m. on Friday followed by a 2 p.m. and 1 p.m. first pitch on Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

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